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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Galen Hollenbaugh, on February 4, 2009 at 8:34 A.M., in Room 317-C Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Chairman (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: James Chamberlain, OBPP
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Branch
Tyrrell Hibbard, Committee Secretary
Barbara Smith, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Subjects Addressed: Department of Transportation overview; Aeronautics Division, General Operations Program, Construction Program, Maintenance Equipment Division, State Motor Pool, Equipment Program, Motor Carrier Services Division, Rail Transit & Planning Division: division overviews and decision packages.

Executive Action: None.

00:00:17 Chairman Hollenbaugh

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

00:00:47 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of
Transportation (DOT): department overview
00:09:10 Rep. Jones left hearing.
00:13:39 Rep. Jones returned.
00:31:25 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:31:30 Sen. Ripley
00:32:09 Mr. Lynch
00:33:30 Sen. Ripley
00:33:59 Mr. Lynch
00:35:52 Sen. Ripley
00:36:09 Mr. DeWitt
00:36:25 Sen. Ripley
00:36:31 Mr. Lynch
00:38:54 Sen. Ripley
00:39:14 Rep. Jones
00:39:48 Mr. Lynch
00:40:39 Rep. Jones
00:42:00 Mr. Lynch
00:45:24 Rep. Jones
00:46:49 Mr. Lynch
00:48:17 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:49:04 Mr. Lynch
00:50:22 Sen. Brenden
00:52:06 Mr. Lynch
00:52:25 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:52:27 Mr. Lynch
00:54:42 Sen. Brenden
00:54:45 Rep. Ankney left hearing.
00:55:28 Mr. Lynch
00:58:20 Sen. Brenden
00:59:37 Sen. Ripley
00:59:46 Chairman Hollenbaugh
00:59:51 Rep. Ankney returned.
00:59:53 Mr. Lynch
01:01:36 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:01:41 Rep. Jones
01:02:11 Mr. Lynch
01:02:36 Rep. Jones
01:02:38 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:03:43 Mr. Lynch
01:06:43 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:06:55 Mr. Lynch
01:09:12 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:09:24 Sen. Brenden
01:09:38 Mr. Lynch

01:10:14 Chairman Hollenbaugh

Aeronautics Division

01:10:24 Debbie Alke, Administrator, Aeronautics Division, DOT:
division overview and decision packages

DP 4003 OT/Differential
DP 4006 Training Reduction
DP 4007 Aeronautic Grants BIEN
DP 4008 Aeronautic Loans BIEN
DP 4009 Pavement Preservation System
DP 4010 State System Plan BIEN
DP 4011 Aeronautics Division Cost Reduction
DP 4015 Aeronautics Division Airport Adjustment

01:11:40 Ms. Alke

01:14:14 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:14:22 Ms. Alke
01:15:25 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:15:48 Ms. Alke
01:16:07 Mr. DeWitt
01:17:06 Rep. Ankney
01:17:21 Ms. Alke
01:17:48 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:17:53 Sen. Brenden
01:17:55 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:18:30 Ms. Alke
01:19:12 Mr. Lynch

General Operations Program

01:19:33 Larry Flynn, Administrator, Administrative Division,
DOT: General Operations Program overview and decision
packages

DP 1001 Equipment Rental
DP 1002 Overtime/Differential
DP 1101 Office Equipment Cost Reduction
DP 1301 Training Reduction
DP 1302 District Health & Safety Specialists
DP 1401 Merchant Credit Card Fees
DP 1402 Tribal Refund FTE
DP 1404 Fuel Tax Evasion Travel
DP 1503 Computer Services Contract

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01:20:30 Mr. Flynn

01:22:51 Sen. Tropila
01:23:27 Mr. Flynn
01:24:25 Sen. Tropila
01:24:46 Mr. Flynn
01:24:49 Sen. Tropila
01:25:09 Mr. Flynn
01:25:44 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:26:12 Mr. Flynn
01:26:24 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:26:51 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:26:55 Mr. Lynch
01:27:44 Rep. Jones
01:28:17 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:28:38 Mr. Chamberlain
01:28:46 Sen. Brenden
01:29:06 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:29:13 Mr. Flynn
01:29:49 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:30:13 Mr. Flynn

DP 1506 IT Maintenance Costs

01:30:42 Mr. Flynn

01:31:08 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:31:20 Mr. Lynch
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Construction Program

01:31:48 Dwane Kailey, DOT: Construction Program decision packages

DP 210 Contractor Payments/Federal Aid

01:32:30 Mr. Kailey
01:32:38 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:32:39 Mr. DeWitt

DP 211 Contractor Payments/State Funded Construction

01:33:09 Mr. Kailey

DP 214 Equipment Rental
DP 215 OT/Differential
DP 216 Training Reduction

DP 222 Westlaw Internet License

01:33:26 Mr. Kailey
01:33:51 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:34:05 Mr. Kailey
01:34:25 Chairman Hollenbaugh
01:34:31 Mr. Kailey

DP 223 Program Reductions

01:35:01 Mr. Kailey
01:35:34 Chairman Hollenbaugh

Maintenance Equipment Division

01:35:50 D. John Blacker, Deputy Director, DOT: Maintenance
Equipment Division overview and decision packages

DP 301 OT/Differential
DP 302 Equipment Rental
DP 303 Training Reduction
DP 306 Variable Message Signs

01:38:02 Mr. Blacker
01:39:28 Rep. Ankney

DP 307 US 93 Ravalli-Ronan Changes
DP 308 Rest Areas--Maintenance & Supplies
DP 310 City Contract Increases
DP 311 Mobile & Portable Handheld Radios
DP 312 Winter Maintenance--Increased Cost of Chemical
DP 314 Pavement Marking Program
DP 316 Noxious Weed Program
DP 318 State Funded Construction--Program Transfer

01:39:42 Mr. Blacker

DP 301 State Special Revenue Funding Switch

01:45:55 Mr. DeWitt
01:47:48 Mr. Lynch

01:49:14 Mr. Blacker
01:49:20 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:50:19 Mr. Blacker
01:50:29 Sen. Brenden left hearing.
01:52:26 Rep. Mehlhoff
01:52:37 Mr. Blacker

01:53:20 Sen. Ripley
01:53:39 Chairman Hollenbaugh

01:53:45 Break
02:12:27 Reconvene

02:12:36 Chairman Hollenbaugh
02:12:43 Ms. Smith

State Motor Pool

02:12:59 Mr. Blacker: Motor Pool overview and decision packages

DP 0701 OT/Differential
DP 0705 Increased Repair & Maintenance Costs
DP 0706 EVMS Maintenance Contract Increase
DP 0707 Vehicle Purchases

02:15:13 Mr. Blacker
02:17:06 Sen. Brenden arrived.
02:17:57 Sen. Brenden
02:18:13 Mr. Blacker
02:19:04 Rep. Jones
02:19:22 Mr. Blacker

DP 0704 Fixed Cost Workers Comp Mgmt Program Allocation

02:21:13 Mr. Blacker
02:21:24 Chairman Hollenbaugh

Proprietary Rates

02:21:30 Mr. Blacker
02:24:56 Sen. Brenden
02:25:09 Mr. Blacker
02:25:14 Sen. Brenden
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02:27:02 Chairman Hollenbaugh
02:27:16 Mr. Blacker
02:27:28 Chairman Hollenbaugh
02:28:29 Mr. Blacker
02:29:27 Ms. Smith
02:30:02 Chairman Hollenbaugh

Equipment Program

02:30:09 Mr. Blacker: Equipment Program overview and decision packages

DP 0801 OT/Differential

DP 0805 Equipment Purchases

DP 0806 FTE for St. Regis Shop

02:31:59 Mr. Blacker

02:35:22 Sen. Ripley

02:35:41 Mr. Blacker

DP 0807 Equipment Repair & Maintenance

DP 0808 EVMS Maintenance Contract Increases

DP 0804 Fixed Cost Workers Comp Mgmt Prog Allocation

Proprietary Rates

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02:37:43 Ms. Smith

02:38:43 Mr. Blacker

02:39:21 Rep. Jones

02:40:02 Mr. Blacker

02:40:03 Rep. Jones

02:40:29 Chairman Hollenbaugh

02:40:56 Ms. Smith

02:41:12 Mr. Lynch

02:41:42 Mr. Blacker

02:42:05 Chairman Hollenbaugh

02:42:35 Rep. Jones

02:43:11 Chairman Hollenbaugh

02:43:35 Mr. Lynch

02:44:28 Chairman Hollenbaugh

02:44:36 Mr. Chamberlain

02:45:06 Mr. Lynch

Motor Carrier Services Division

02:45:54 Mr. Lynch: Motor Carrier Services Division overview and decision packages

DP 2205 Unified Carrier Registration

DP 2202 Montana-Wyoming Joint Port Project

DP 2208 Equipment Rental

DP 2210 OT/Differential

DP 2211 Training Adjustment

DP 2214 Coutts Weigh Station

DP 2215 Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program

02:48:04 Mr. Lynch
02:51:29 Chairman Hollenbaugh
02:51:33 Mr. Lynch
02:51:59 Chairman Hollenbaugh
02:52:01 Mr. Lynch

DP 2216 Laptop Communication Aircard Maintenance
DP 2201 Maximization Weigh Station I90 Corridor

02:52:14 Mr. Lynch
02:53:49 Chairman Hollenbaugh
02:53:58 Mr. Lynch

DP 2206 Performance Registration Information Systems Mgmt OTO

02:55:07 Mr. Lynch
02:55:29 Sen. Tropila
02:55:45 Mr. Lynch

DP 2207 Border Enforcement Grant

02:56:08 Mr. Lynch
02:57:10 Chairman Hollenbaugh
02:57:44 Mr. Lynch
02:57:55 Roche Juneau, MDT
02:58:15 Mr. Lynch

DP 2212 MCS Enforcement Bureau Realignment

02:58:48 Mr. Lynch
03:00:57 Chairman Hollenbaugh
03:01:19 Mr. Lynch
03:01:50 Sen. Ripley
03:02:05 Mr. Lynch
03:02:20 Rep. Mehlhoff left hearing.
03:03:08 Sen. Ripley
03:03:19 Mr. Lynch
03:03:35 Rep. Jones
03:04:03 Mr. Lynch

Rail, Transit, & Planning Division

03:04:16 Lynn Zanto, Administrator, Rail, Transit, & Planning
Division, DOT: division overview and decision
packages
03:06:01 Sen. Tropila
03:06:08 Ms. Zanto

DP 5001 Training Reduction
DP 5002 Equipment Rental
DP 5003 OT/Differential
DP 5004 Bus Purchases (Federal)

03:06:41 Ms. Zanto
03:07:32 Chairman Hollenbaugh
03:07:44 Rep. Mehlhoff returned.
03:07:45 Ms. Zanto
03:08:09 Chairman Hollenbaugh
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03:08:42 Rep. Mehlhoff
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03:09:58 Sen. Ripley
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DP 5005 Rest Area Stipend
DP 5006 Highway Traffic Safety Section 408
DP 5008 State Elderly & Disabled Transit Assistance
DP 5009 TRANSCAD Software
DP 5010 Traffic Data Collection Support
DP 5011 Tribal Safety Coordinator

03:10:20 Ms. Zanto
03:14:08 Sen. Tropila
03:14:28 Ms. Zanto
03:14:40 Sen. Tropila
03:14:48 Ms. Zanto
03:14:56 Rep. Mehlhoff
03:15:01 Ms. Zanto

DP 5012 Weigh-In-Motion Support
DP 5013 Accounting Adjustments

03:15:10 Ms. Zanto

03:16:33 Chairman Hollenbaugh
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Public Comment: None

03:28:32 Chairman Hollenbaugh
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ADJOURNMENT

03:30:11 Adjournment: 12:30 P.M.

Tyrrell Hibbard, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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